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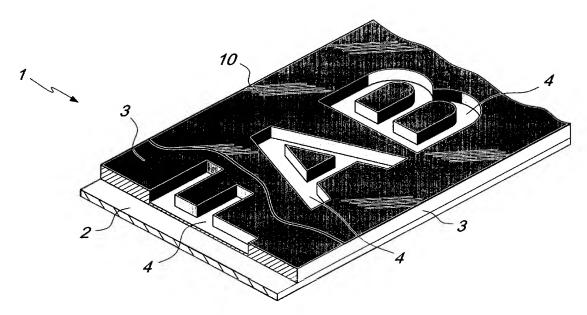
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(57) **Abstract:** A security element for documents in general and particularly for banknotes, security cards and the like, comprising a flexible support layer that has a layer of metallic material on at least one face, said metallic layer having a substantially uniform thickness with a tolerance of less than +/- 4 %, and on said metallic layer at least regions are provided having a metal thickness that is less than 25 % and more than 1 % of the thickness of the layer of metallic material of the surrounding portions.